U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Docket Number: 12604/24 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE **STATEMENT** Filing Date: Examiner: Art Unit: Application Serial No.: June 23, 2006 To Be Assigned 10/584,337 To Be Assigned International Application No.: International Filing Date: PCT/EP2004/013261 July 21, 2005 I hereby certify that this conveput United States P Thomas SCHUSTER et al. **CONVERTER** Mail Stop .... Commissioner for Parents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicant(s) hereby bring the citations listed on the attached modified PTO form 1449 to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the citations be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form No. 1449, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). 2. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed, except as otherwise indicated. Respectfully submitted, Date: Nov. 6, 2006

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